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NEWS WANTS SOME GOOD PHOTOGRAPHS

Good Crops, Home Scenes, Live
Stock are all Good
Subjects

The editor is anxious to get a number of pictures of growing crops of all kinds, nice gardens, large flocks of chickens, and anything and everything grown in the valley. Some good milk cows, nice horses, anything that will help in boosting the valley. Within the next sixty days we will publish another Booster edition, something like five thousand copies to advertise the advantages of the Estancia Valley as the best place on earth to make a home. Pictures will carry more weight than long write-ups and we want to use a lot of pictures. If you have anything growing that might look well in print, please let us know and we will get a snap of it. We have made arrangements to have an expert landscape artist come and make a number of views for us to be used in advertising in various ways. So help us in this way. It need not be the best in the valley, just so it is good. And don't think the editor ought know where to come. He may make the people believe he is all-wise, but let us whisper to you that there are a great many things he doesn't know and this is one. We have been going around the valley as much as our time will permit us to do, and have secured some good snapshots, but we want more. Don't think because you do not care to dispose of your property, there's no use. We want to get a farmer on every piece of land in the valley. Not a farmer who lives back with his wife's people, but a live hustling, fellow who will turn things up. If there is anything growing in your neighborhood that will help to show that we can and do grow crops in the Estancia Valley, we want to know it. Will you help?

And also we want letters from every part of the valley, every week or two weeks. If we have been boosting any one part of the valley more than another, it is because someone in that part of the valley has helped us, by sending us the facts. If your neighborhood has been slighted it is not the fault nor the intention of the man behind the typewriter. Look closer home and see if you can't help us remedy the matter.

Willard, N. M., July 22—Mounted Police John Collier, was here today with search warrants for several Mexicans, who it is believed were implicated in the theft of valuable diamonds belonging to Mrs. Shepard, of El Paso. The woman who lost the gems was at one time a resident dentist of Estancia, with a branch office here, to which she made weekly visits.

Intense Cul- tivation Wins

Editor Morning Journal:

In Saturday's issue of your paper, appeared a despairing cry for help to chop weeds in the Estancia valley and incidentally harvest a crop that is yet some two months from maturity. The appeal would be amusing to one, familiar with conditions here, were it not for the pathos that might attach to it if a band of our unemployed fellowmen should respond to the call and find the flowery labor conditions disappointing. We have various grades of farmers here. The most common is he who, two or three years ago scratched his land with a plow, average depth three to four inches, and, who annually, as seed times comes around, gets seated on some sort of a planter, and punctures the earth here and there with a few seeds, and henceforth returns to his apparent true vocation, that of warming the nails in the sidewalks of the country towns and stores where bumper crops are raised. He waits to see if its going to rain, as its no use chopping weeds if he isn't going to have a crop, then when the rains come and the weeds, (being the stronger), shoot up, comes that cry equalled only by that of ancient Macedonia.

The other farmer is he who single-handed tackles from forty to a hundred acres, ploughs deep every year, and cultivates incessantly, even when the despair in his heart says it's all off. But note the contrast between the two methods, also the contrast between the two men, when the rains come. Instead of weeds, it's the crops that shoot up. And is that a despairing cry for help we hear; no sir, that's the shout of one who has conquered, and who may yet, with modern methods, grit and energy, make the Estancia valley a farming community. I can point out many, who are single-handed, cultivating properly the aforementioned number of acres, whose crops are a pleasure to see and who will undoubtedly handle their harvest in the same efficient manner, minus appeals to labor bureaus for help. I wonder if he who wants a thousand men could guarantee work at a fair wage for ten. If so our farmers, scattered from the Dakotas to the Mexican line in quest of work, would undoubtedly return.

Yours sincerely,

GEORGE FALCONER.
McIntosh, N. M., July 24, 1911.
From Albuquerque Journal

It takes a sharp knock to break an egg from the outside, while a weak little chick with a soft bill can break out from the inside. It is the same way with the town. The knocks from the outside have little effect, it's the blows from the knocker at home that hurts a town.—Ex.

SWEENEY WINS

J. A. Sweeney, the butter and cheese man of the Cedar Grove neighborhood returned from a stay of several days at Albuquerque last week, where he has been on account of a case in the probate court at that place. Something over a year ago, Sweeney sold his ranch in the Rio Grande Valley to one S. D. Schuyler, the sum of \$1500 to be paid on January 1st. In the meantime Schuyler died, and the widow attempted to escape payment of the note. Upon settlement of the estate in Probate Court, Sweeney demanded payment of his note. Two days were occupied in taking evidence after which the court decided that Sweeney be paid in full amount with legal interest since maturity of the note. An appeal was taken to the district court. F. E. Woods and Modesto Ortiz represented Mr. Sweeney, and the outlook is that the decision of the probate Court will be affirmed by the higher court.

Any Old Thing Can be Editor

Most anyone can be an editor. All the editor has to do is to sit at a desk six days out of each week, four weeks out of the month, and twelve months out of the year, and "edit" such stuff as this:

"Mrs. Jones of Cactus Creek, let a can opener slip last week and cut herself in the pantry." "A mischievous lad of Pike-town threw a stone and struck Mr. Pike in the alley on Tuesday." "John Doe climbed, on the roof of his house last week looking for a leak and fell striking himself on the back porch." "While Harold Green was escorting Miss Violet Wise from the church social last Saturday night a savage dog attacked them and bit Mr. Green on the public square." Isaiah Trimmer of Running Creek was playing with a cat Friday when the cat scratched him on the veranda. Mr. Fong while harnessing a broncho last Saturday, was kicked just south of the corn crib.—Exchange.

Dr. C. E. Ewing is quite a farmer. To prove this he has been doing some experimental work in his garden surrounding his home in the north part of town. Last evening he had Ralph Stubblefield but with a turnip which the doctor had grown in his garden showing it around town. Of course the doctor would not admit that he had sent Ralph out, but conclusions are easily drawn. We must say, though, that the turnips were fine and the doctor need not be ashamed of them. In fact his whole garden is a dandy. It proves what can be done on a small spot of ground and with a little work.

Estancia Val- ley Coming

If anyone doubts that the Estancia Valley is up and doing this year he need only refer to the item in yesterday morning's Journal regarding the organization of a live active commercial club in the town of Estancia. Following closely on the formation of a truck growers' association, this shows that the Estancia valley people are fully awake to the need and the importance of organized team work in advancing the interests of their great agricultural plateau; and they are getting together.

Estancia, as other sections of New Mexico, have done and are doing all the time, will immediately prove that nothing reasonable is impossible to an organization of business men and farmers. They have taken the important preliminary step toward not only advertising widely the possibilities of the valley, but of making the valley live up to the advertising. The present wet season has changed the broad plains around Estancia and Moriarty and all the way down to Willard into a sea of verdant vegetation; and with the pumping proposition properly systematically and scientifically fostered and developed, the Estancia valley can be made to look that way in dry years.

Water on the land will do anything in the Estancia valley; in proof whereof note the fact that the farmers over there are advertising for harvest hands.

Co-operation between the local commercial club and the organized boosters of Estancia and vicinity will be a mighty good thing for Albuquerque, by the way.—Albuquerque Journal.

Co-operation between the Commercial Clubs! Do you want the New Mexican to send Wickersham out here right away to investigate the Commercial Club Trust? According to the New Mexican co-operation is a sin, a shame and Socialistic and then some.

Suits for Collection of Poll Tax

Las Cruces, N. M., July 32.—The filing of poll tax suits continues in the justice court. Ten additional suits have been filed and this makes a total of 50 suits filed to date. Out of the total number filed there have been 40 cases settled and in each of these the defendants paid the amount of the poll tax.

One case that is filed and contested in court, the defendant appearing at his attorney to contest the claim for \$5 due for five years' poll tax. The suit is decided against the defendant and he is required to pay taxes and costs, amounting in all to \$13 besides the retainer for his attorney.

BUREAU NEEDS SAMPLES OF GOOD CROPS

To be used in Advertising the
Estancia Valley this
Season

The Bureau of Immigration is preparing to renew the permanent exhibit of New Mexico products in the Bureau offices at Albuquerque. The present exhibit has been used at several fairs and expositions and has been damaged in shipping. The present favorable year offers a fine opportunity to make a splendid exhibit of New Mexico farm crops and fruits and the Bureau is preparing to take advantage of it. In the course of a year a great many people call at the Bureau offices and to these people the exhibit is one of the best arguments for remaining permanently in New Mexico. Each exhibit, whether of grain or fruit, is carefully labeled, with the name of the grower and his post office address, so that practically every section of New Mexico is represented in the display.

The Bureau is especially anxious to secure this season good samples of wheat, oats and other grain, truck samples and samples of fruit of all kinds. This district should be well represented in this exhibit. If you have a good sample of grain, beans, truck or fruit, pack it up and express it to the Bureau of Immigration, Albuquerque, N. M. The Bureau will pay the express and will see that you get full credit for it in the display. Usually two quarts of grain is sufficient for the purpose. The same is true of beans. Ten or twelve potatoes make a fine showing and half a dozen samples of large fruits are sufficient to make a most attractive jar.

In shipping fruit the packing should be carefully done to avoid bruising and the Bureau should be notified by letter or postal card of the shipment so that prompt delivery can be had. The Bureau will appreciate the aid of the farmers and fruit-growers of New Mexico in rounding out the exhibit this year so that it will be thoroughly representative of all sections of New Mexico.

Is Justice a County Office

In Roswell a suit has been instituted by the former justice of the peace to oust the present incumbent who was elected at the regular election last January, on the ground that the enabling act, which provided that all county and territorial officers should retain their offices until the state election. The case is based on the result of the suit in regard to the district attorney of Bernalillo county, wherein it was held that the district attorney's office came under the wording county officers, and the claim is set up that the justice of the peace is like wise a county officer. The case will be watched with interest over the territory.